

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I'd like to point out the obvious here in that. the Smith Family, DOES NOT own the air ways over which they broadcast. For the station owners to use those airways to broadcast and promote their own personal political opinions and try to justify the same as news is a violation of the trust placed in them by virtue of their license to operate. Is anyone at the FCC doing anything about this? I protest, and fully expect that the Commission take action to put astop to this blatant abuse.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.